

WHEREAS, the Washington Park and Zoo Railway has been a regional treasure since its opening in 1958;

WHEREAS, the Washington Park and Zoo Railway has been creating cherished childhood memories since its first run;

WHEREAS, the train can quickly and efficiently transport hundreds of Washington Park visitors every hour between the North and South ends of the park;

WHEREAS, Portland Parks & Recreation never asked members of the public in their surveys about repairing and keeping the Washington Park and Zoo Railway line from the Oregon Zoo to the International Rose Test Garden in their creation of the Washington Park Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the current Washington Park Master Plan Update suggests the complete removal of the rail line to the International Rose Test Garden and replacement with a 12' paved path at an estimated \$10 million;

WHEREAS, employees of the Oregon Zoo, a service of Metro, have offered to fundraise the estimated \$1.5 million in needed repairs and Dana Carstensen, an Oregon Zoo worker who ran for Metro Council 4, has offered to fundraise \$3 million to cover the estimated \$1.5 million in repair costs for the rail line to the International Rose Test Garden and to create an investment fund to perpetually help the Oregon Zoo, a service of Metro, pay for maintenance, upgrades, and labor costs associated with the operation of the train; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carstensen's online petition to save the Washington Park and Zoo Railway and its run to the International Rose Test Garden has already garnered nearly 10,000 signatures of support;

THEREFORE, We the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon, Resolve as follows:

1. The WCDCC declares that the Washington Park and Zoo Railway and its full route to the International Test Rose Garden should be restored to its full operating condition;
2. The WCDCC encourages all PCPs, elected officials, and residents in Washington County, and all other interested Oregonians, to sign the Change.org, "Save the Washington Park and Zoo Railway" online petition to help save the full route of the Washington Park and Zoo Railway;
3. The WCDCC encourages the City of Portland and Metro work towards full restoration of the route; and

4. The WCDCC supports the City of Portland and Metro working with Dana Carstensen, as a relevant Stakeholder, in its goal of restoration and preservation of the Washington Park and Zoo Railway and its full route to the International Test Rose Garden.

Resolution submitted by Dana Carstensen, R&PC Member – June 5th, 2018

Approved by R&PC – June 18, 2018